Clearance of serials by Doordarshan

1703. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state which is the final authority in Doordarshan that clears an episode of a serial for final telecast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): Serials are cleared for telecast by Senior Producer|Assistant Controller of Programmes|Controller of Programmes in the Directorate General, Doordarshan, keeping in view the story line originally approved by the Selection Committee set up for selection of serial. In case of doubt, the Additional Director General| Director General is consulted.

Self Sufficiency in Fertilisers

1704. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is self-sufficient in the production of fertilisers;

(b) if, not, by when the country likely to become self-sufficient in the production of fertilisers;

(c) what measures Government are taking for attaining self-sufficiency in the shortest possible time; and

(d) what quantity of fertilisers were imported in 1985 and from January to-date in this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No target date has been fixed for attaining self-sufficiency in fertilizer production. A major programme has, however, been undertaken to increase the production of fertilizers in the country during the Seventh Plan period. As a part of this programme, 15 fertilizer projects, including expansion schemes, have been taken on hand, to add substantially to the fertilizer capacity already under operation. Efforts are also being made to optimise production in the existing fertilizer plants by modernising them and also by providing captive power unts. These measures would help augment the indigenous production of fertilizers considerably and narrow the gap between demand and indigenous production of fertilizers.

(d) The quantity of fertilizers imported during the year 1985-86 (April, 1985—March, 1986) and upto 31st July, 1986 during the current year, i.e., 1986-87, is indicated below:—

Year	Quantity of fertilizers imported (In lakh tonnes of N+P+K)
1985-86	
(April, 1985—March, 1986)	33·99
1986-87	
(Upto 31st July, 1986)	8·46

Glut of fertilizers due to imports

1705. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a glut of fertilizers due to uncontrolled imports and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item to this effect in the Economic Times of 11th July, 1986;

(c) whether Government would order an inquiry to fix responsibility in the matter;

(d) whether it is a fact that imports can considerably be reduced and crop yields increased by full utilization of organic manures|biofertilisers; and

(e) whether Government propose to rationalise fertiliser imports and what steps

are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The gap between requirements and indigenous availability of chemical fertilisers can not be met by utilisation of organic manures|biofertilizers.

(e) The annual import requirements of chemical fertilisers are assessed keeping in view the indigenous fertiliser availability and expected requirements of fertilisers during the year. The Government also closely monitors the import requirements and reduces the level of imports as and when the circumstances warrant.

Construction of Flats in Vasant Kunj

1706. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work in Sector 'C' in Vasant Kunj has stopped, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) when are flats in that Sector likely to be ready for allotment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The flats under construction are likely to be completed during the period January to March, '88 and will be allotted thereafter.

Broadcast of Tamil songs on AIR Madras

1707. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that the changes in Arangisai programme in the All India Radio (AIR) Madras facilitating the broadcasting of Tamil songs has not been permitted;

(b) what are the reasons for not broadcasting Tamil songs when Tamil Isai pre-dates the Carnatic music of thiagaraja, Muthuswamy Dikshitar and Shyama Sastri;

(c) whether Government propose to conduct any enquiry in this regard; and

(d) whether Government propose to allow broadcast of Tamil Songs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) The Arangisai programme of AIR Madras is a Carnatic Classical Music Concert programme of 70 minutes duration featuring compositions in several languages including Tamil. This duration was reduced in April, 1986 to 30 minutes of classical music, 30 minutes for a new programme entitled "Saalaram" (the Window) featuring a radio report on the cultural and literary events taking place in and around Madras and 10 minutes of film songs in Tamil. The reduction in the duration of the classical music concert programme was not appreciated by the listeners. After consideration, Director-General, All India Radio decided to restore the content and duration of the programme to the original level w.e.f. 1st July, 1986;

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Compositions in Tamil are invariably broadcast in several chunks over AIR Madras. Such songs set to classical ragas have also been and would continue to be broadcast in the Arangisai programme also.

Reservation quota for other backward Classes.

†1707-A. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry had recently issued a direction to the

†Previously Unstarred Question 1512 transferred from the 7th August, 1986.